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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2002. In light of the accompanying Certified English Translation and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.


Claims 1-23 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by U.S.

Patent 6,336,811 (Shiina). The present application is entitled to the Japanese priority filing date of January 22, 1999. This priority date antedates the March 26, 1999 U.S. filing date of the parent to Shiina. Enclosed herewith is a verified English translation of Japanese priority application 11-013883, from which it will be seen that claims 1-23 are fully supported by this Japanese priority application. In view of the earlier effective filing date of the present application, the Shiina reference is not available as prior art with respect hereto. It is, therefore, requested that this reference be removed and that the rejection of claims 1-23 as being anticipated by Shiina be withdrawn. See MPEP 201.15.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance; and an early notice to this effect is respectfully solicited.

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